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**PROTECTING WOMEN FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:
A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

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Domestic violence against women is a social problem that occurs in nearly every corner of the world. While policies and practices designed to protect women have emerged in a number of countries, many lag behind on the issue. This study examines the causal factors behind the variation in protection. The results of empirical analysis suggest that women's representation may be the most influential determinant of the level of protection women receive against domestic violence.